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Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method on a computer for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, comprising:

generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain;

executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user; and

allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of continuously providing further comprises:

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user via a network interface.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

continuously modifying task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

providing to the user, over a network interface, the task prioritization that was modified based on the status information about the buffers.

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5. (previously presented) A method on a computer for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, comprising:

generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain;

executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user;

allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers; and

continuously modifying task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the step of continuously providing further comprises:

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user via a network interface.

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of allowing further comprises:

allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein the user utilizes a web page to manage the buffers.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

providing to the user, over a network interface, the task prioritization that was

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modified based on the status information about the buffers.

9. (previously presented) A server for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, the server comprising a memory storage device including computers instructions for:

generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain;

executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user; and

providing the user with an interface for allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers.

10. (previously presented) The server of claim 9, wherein the instructions for continuously providing further comprise instructions for:

continuously providing status information about the buffers to the user via a network interface.

11. (previously presented) The server of claim 10, further comprising computer instructions for:

continuously modifying task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

12. (previously presented) The server of claim 11, wherein each interface is

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provided over a network, such as a WAN.

13. (previously presented) A server for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, the server comprising a memory storage device including computers instructions for:

generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain;

executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user;

allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers; and

continuously modifying task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

14. (previously presented) The server of claim 13, wherein the instructions for allowing further comprise instructions for:

providing an interface to the user that allows the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers.

15. (previously presented) The server of claim 14, wherein the interface further provides to the user information associated with buffers for the plurality of projects, so as to evaluate the status of the plurality of projects.

16. (previously presented) The server of claim 15, wherein the interface is

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provided over a network, such as a WAN.

17. (previously presented) A memory storage device including computer instructions for providing critical chain-based project management across a plurality of projects, the computer instructions including instructions for:

generating a plurality of project plans having a critical chain, each of the plurality of project plans corresponding to one of the plurality of projects, wherein a project comprises at least one task;

generating buffers for each of the plurality of projects, wherein at least one of the buffers generated is placed on the critical chain;

reconciling project resources among the plurality of projects so as to accommodate the critical chain;

executing the plurality of project plans;

continuously providing status information about the buffers to a user;

providing an interface to the user for allowing the user to manage the buffers across the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers; and

continuously modifying task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

18. (previously presented) The memory storage device of claim 17, wherein the interface is a network interface.

19. (previously presented) The memory storage device of claim 18, further comprising instructions for:

providing the user with an interface for providing to the user task prioritization for any task of the plurality of projects based on the status information about the buffers, wherein task prioritization is calculated across the plurality of projects.

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20. (previously presented) The memory storage device of claim 19, wherein the interface for providing to the user task prioritization is a network interface.